

County School Notes.

One of our school houses stands on the east bank of the "Big Muddy." This is Burr Oak school, which is being well taught this year by a little lady from Andrew county, Miss Edna Williams. The school has an enrollment of 23, 19 children being present the morning of the superintendent's visit. If only every father and mother could see the importance of each child's being present every day, what a help it would be to all concerned! The teacher and pupils are planning to buy an organ.

The afternoon of November 16th was spent with Miss Tracy Blevins in her school at Exodus. Here we found an enrollment of 23, we found 22 children present.

On the morning of the 17th, we very much enjoyed a visit with Mr. Cortez Meadows and his school children of Kinney. There were 36 present out of an enrollment of 44. Here we found one of the best taught first grade classes of the county.

The afternoon was spent with Mr. Rock in the Benton school. He had an enrollment of 42, with a good attendance present.

Friday, the 18th, was spent with the two schools in Forbes. Miss Lydia Acton, who for two years taught the primary room, now has charge of the advanced room. Miss Sadie Hunt, the primary teacher, was out for the day on account of sickness, and the county superintendent did the teaching during the morning and part of the afternoon. During the remainder of the time she was with Miss Acton and her pupils, whom she found doing good work. Miss Acton has 23 pupils—the 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grades. In the lower room are 26 pupils—1st, 2d and 3d grades.

November 22d, the superintendent visited the beautiful new building in which the Richville school is now housed, which has been under course of erection for the past few months. Mrs. Maupin is the teacher; she has an enrollment of 50, 46 of whom were present. This building has a furnace in the basement, convenient closets and cloak rooms, and nicely arranged windows.

Tuesday morning we found Mr. A. W. Norman in his pleasant school at South Center. He has an enrollment of 16, nine of whom are high school students of the 9th and 10th grades, and only seven belong to the elementary school. Of these seven, three are in the A class, one in the B class, two in the C class, and one in the D class. Mr. Norman's high school students are doing good work, but with the other classes he can't have the time for them he should. What a pity some provision could not be made for these seven children in the elementary grades, allowing Mr. Norman to give his entire time to the high school students.

The afternoon was spent with Miss Childers in the Squaw Creek school. There were 32 present out of an enrollment of 39. Here the superintendent found another well taught primary class. It is the little people with whom the most time must be spent, and for whom most preparation must be made. If they are taught habits of industry and neatness, these good habits will follow them all through their school life, whereas if they are allowed to be idle and disorderly, these bad habits will be very hard to get rid of.

The morning of November 24th, we reached Consolidated District, No. 1, and spent a half day in the Ross Grove school. The teacher, Miss Fries, has been quite ill for some time, notwithstanding this, she was found in her place with her 23 pupils, all of whom were present.

On the afternoon of the 24th, the Lonesome school gave a very pleasing entertainment. Every one of the children from the oldest to the tiniest little tot took part. The adjoining school of Dale Center attended en masse with their teacher, Miss Schultz. Two of the school directors and a large number of parents and friends were present to enjoy the program. I think the presence of the visitors quite repaid Miss Kennish for her hard work in planning for the afternoon's program.

The county superintendent had planned for six teachers' meetings to be held in different parts of the county, November 20th, two weeks after the meeting of the State Teachers' Association. Five of these meetings were held; one at Forest City, where Mr. Long presided, with Miss Martin acting as secretary. Well prepared and interesting papers were read by Miss Jamison, Miss Campbell, Miss Brodbeck, Mr. Thatcher, Floyd Coffman and Frank Green. The teachers present, besides those on the program, were: Misses Lydia Acton, Adele Maguire, Averil Tibbels, Helen Thatcher, Dorothy Kurtz and Jessie Boyd. The visitors were: Mrs. Clate Schaeffer, Mrs. Wm. Thornhill, Mrs. T. P. Fitzmaurice, Miss Bettie Reeler and Miss Hattie Baker. Mrs. Fitzmaurice gave a talk which brought out an interesting discussion on hygiene in the school.

The meeting in Fortescue was called to order by Miss Nell Minton, chairman. Those present were: Misses Tracy Blevins, Elsie Park, Elsie Crow

and May Hurston. A report on Dr. Goddard's lecture, "What to Do With the Backward Child," was made by Miss Minton. The following topics were taken up and discussed:

- (1) "Methods of Teaching Primary Work."
- (2) "Teaching of Spelling."
- (3) "Teaching of Elementary History."
- (4) "Ventilation of Unimproved School Rooms."

The meeting adjourned, all feeling that benefit had been derived from the gathering.

The meeting at Mound City was called to order by Superintendent J. U. Croson, as chairman. The nature and purpose of the meeting was explained by Mr. Croson, and Mr. A. W. Norman was appointed secretary in the absence of Mr. Callaway, who had been appointed by the county superintendent. All who were on the program, except Mr. Croson, being absent, Mr. Croson gave a review of the work of the State Association, covering the various departments. The meeting was turned into a general "round table" and various school subjects were discussed. Besides the grade teachers of the Mound City schools a number from the country were in attendance.

At New Point the teachers were invited to meet at the home of Miss Mae Hotkin. Besides carrying out to the letter the program, as published, the first five chapters of Bagley's School Discipline were discussed. Miss May makes an ideal leader. Mrs. Hotkin served cocoa and cake, which was much enjoyed. Those present were: Miss Eva Hitt, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Huntsman, Misses May and Ina Hotkin, Mrs. Hotkin and the county superintendent.

The Craig meeting was called to order by Mr. W. L. Butts, with Miss Eddy as secretary. We take the following from the Leader in regard to this meeting:

"The teachers' meeting held in Craig, at the school house, Saturday afternoon, was a success from the standpoint of benefit to those who were present. Many of the leading questions that are live issues in educational matters were discussed and an excellent musical program was rendered."

Report of Missionary Society.

At the meeting of the Presbyterian Missionary society last week, a varied program of unusual merit was presented. The musical numbers were very good. Mrs. Chas. Rule's reading of her poem was especially well done. All who took part showed careful preparation, and a well-balanced program was the result. The papers were all of great interest. That of the President, Mrs. Montgomery, is here presented at the request of many who heard it:

"The President of our country has issued a call to us to observe a day of Thanksgiving; a call has come to our Missionary society to observe this day as one of praise. We are glad to greet so many of our friends here, and hope this meeting may prove one of helpfulness to every one of us."

Today we miss one dear familiar face, one chair is vacant. The voice of Miss Fannie Price, which so often was heard in prayer and praise with us, is forever silent. She has passed through the "Pearly Gates," and has entered the "everlasting life"—the joys of which, "our eyes cannot behold—nor our ears hear, neither hath it entered into the heart of man to conceive!" May our lives be as pure and sweet as Miss Fannie's was!

We have cause to give thanks for the peace of our nation, while the nations of Europe and Asia (who are as good by nature as we are), are being persecuted and killed—our homes and beloved land are not torn and devastated by wars, and our people are at peace. We ought to exclaim, with the sweet "Singer of Israel": "What shall I render unto Jehovah for all his benefits toward me?"

We want to look on the bright side of things; we want to be saved from fault finding and self-seeking. May our minds be too big for prejudice and our hearts too large for hatred. May we be charitable in thought and generous in deed; white-souled and helpful. May we be helped to love and laugh, and give, as we gave, and loved, and laughed in childhood.

May we be kept in the ways of temperance in our working and our resting. May that which is good in us be made stronger, and that which is bad in us be made weaker. May we be made free from spitefulness and narrowness. May we be made sweet and—very kind."

Ate Thanksgiving Dinner Here.

R. L. Faulconer and wife, John E. Meek, wife and son, Lester, and Mrs. Clara Lyon, of St. Joseph, and Morton R. Martin, wife and the boys, ate Thanksgiving dinner, turkey and other "fixins" in Oregon with Grandpa and Grandma D. M. Martin, and a royal good time was had by all present. They had to place a guard by John's side at the table to keep him from overeating—well, we do not blame John very much, for he does not get a feed like this one every day in the year.

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—Miss Ruth Campbell was a St. Joseph visitor, Thanksgiving day.

—Lawrence Walker had business in St. Joseph, one day, last week.

—A few White Male Pigs for sale. Jacob Kuntz, Oregon, Mo.

—Miss Bonnie Brodbeck had business in St. Joseph, Tuesday of this week.

—Mrs. Clare Castle, accompanied by her daughter, Nellie, were shopping in St. Joseph, Tuesday.

—For Sale—A single buggy, two small stoves, feather beds, etc. Inquire of Mrs. Flora A. Hinde.

—Leo Petree, of the Lincoln, Nebraska, university, was here over Thanksgiving with his parents.

—Lost—A plush robe, Tuesday evening between my residence and Christian church. Return to Dr. Wood.

—In order that his comrades may know, the address of J. H. Nies is 319 South Ivy Street, Medford, Oregon.

—Judge Hibbard's condition remains about the same, not any material change, one way or the other, being noticeable.

—Sheriff Gelvin and wife motored up and took dinner with pa and ma, Smith Meadows and wife, Wednesday of this week.

—The Oregon High School Basketball team was defeated at Union Star by the basketball team of that place, Saturday, Nov. 20.

—John M. Hibbard, who has been quite sick for several days, being confined to the house, is reported some better, we are glad to learn.

—Lost—A gold link cuff button at the pie social at Union, Friday evening, Nov. 21. Finder, please return to this office and greatly oblige.

—Mrs. Nichols, accompanied by her daughters, Misses Lola and Ruth, visited with daughter and sister, Mrs. Gladys Stipes, of Forbes, over Thanksgiving.

—John Birmingham, agent for the Burlington at Forest City, was interviewing Collector Alkire, Monday, and shaking hands with his numerous friends.

—Miss Lou Petree, accompanied by her friend, Miss Bessie Brumbaugh, of Maitland, were in Baldwin, Kansas, over Thanksgiving, attending a class re-union at the Baldwin university.

—The tuberculosis stamps for the benefit of the state tuberculosis fund, are on sale at C. E. Bunker's jewelry store. It is a fund to save some man, some woman, some child. You can help by buying a few stamps.

—Sam Dawson died at his home in Forest City, Thursday last, November 25th.

—Mrs. Wm. Turnham, who has been so very poorly the past two weeks, is now some better.

—The condition of Mrs. Mary Curry was a little better, Wednesday, but she is very weak, remaining in her bed nearly all of the time.

—The C. E. society, of the Christian church, will give a box social and pie sale, at the I. O. O. F. hall, Friday evening, December 10th. A short program will precede the sale.

—In an item, last week, announcing the return of C. J. Hermann, wife and family from Wisconsin to their farm, near Oregon, the printer made it read, "C. J. Hoffmann," instead of Hermann.

—A box supper and pie social will be held at "Divide," this Friday evening, December 3d. A box of candy will be given to the most popular lady. Everybody cordially invited.

MISS GRACE ALKIRE, Teacher.

—Misses Ava and Leah Dooley returned last week from a three months' visit on the Pacific Coast with relatives and friends in different localities, taking in both expositions, the principal cities and points of interest. They certainly had a delightful time.

—George Carter, of Fortescue, was in Oregon, Saturday last, fixing up some real estate matters, having sold his residence in Fortescue to Ed Stauber, of Steepleton, Logan county, Neb., for \$1950. Mr. Stauber will at once remove to Fortescue with his family.

—We extend our sincere congratulations to our two young friends on their marriage, and hope they may live long and prosper. Miss Ione, daughter of Albert Guthrie, and Carl Owens, of the Benton district, were united in marriage, on Sunday, Nov. 21st, at the Mound City M. E. church, by Rev. Lane Douglas.

—Mrs. C. G. Marker and daughter, Emma, who for the past two months have been visiting her father, D. P. Dobyns, left Wednesday, for their home in Denver, Colo., going for a visit with her brother-in-law, Emil Marker and family, of White Cloud, Kans., and from there to Ellis, Kans., for a visit and then home.

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—Tom Frye was a St. Joseph visitor, one day, this week.

—Miss Mina Wright was shopping in St. Joseph, Tuesday.

—Born to George Lawson and wife, Saturday, November 20, 1915, a boy.

—Mrs. D. M. Martin was the guest of Mrs. W. C. York in Kansas City, last week.

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—Will Pennel and D. M. Martin were in Kansas City, last week, and while there purchased a car load of feeders.

—Mrs. Earl Spellman, of St. Joseph, was the guest of Mrs. Andy Tochterman, for a couple of days, the past week.

Dr. J. L. Hogan reports a fine baby boy born to Thomas Milne and wife, of Forbes township, Monday morning, November 29, 1915.

—Daniel Kunkel, Sr., and wife, spent the Thanksgiving season with their daughter, Elwood McDonald, wife and children, of St. Joseph.

—I have for sale the opera house and dwelling occupied on same lot. This will be sold for a bargain.

WILL L. MOORE.

—Harry M. Dungan and wife, and his mother, Mrs. Amanda Dungan, were Thanksgiving guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Montgomery.

—Married, at the home of the officiating minister, Rev. G. W. Ellenberger, in Mound City, Mo., November 23, Miss Esther Cooksey to Herman Norman.

—Charles Taylor, who has been an inmate of the County Home for the past seven years, died at that institution, November 20, in his 62nd year.

—Grandma Petree, of Paris, Kentucky, is here on a visit with her son, Frank and family; although past her four score years, she is enjoying most excellent health.

—G. W. Cummins and wife have returned from Humboldt, Neb., where they have been enjoying a visit with their daughter and husband, Rev. A. D. Seelig and wife.

—Dr. W. C. Proud and family, of St. Joseph, spent Thanksgiving here with his "mamma," and sister, Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Phillips. He got his good eats wherever he went.

—We are indeed glad to learn, that Mrs. E. E. Bartram, of near Maitland, who was recently operated upon at Rochester, Minnesota, is getting along nicely and will soon be able to return home.

—Lost—On the road between Oregon and the Ed Foster place, four miles east of Oregon, Thursday, November 25, a package of laundry Finder, please return to this office and receive suitable reward.

—W. H. Sparks, living three miles southeast of Oregon, brought in a few ears of corn that you can see in our window—we call them perfect. The white is the White Elephant variety, and the yellow, well it is of the yellow variety.

—John Fry, who has been visiting his mother at Garnett, Kans., for the past six weeks, returned home last week. His mother is up in the eighties, but still attends to her household duties, and gets around very lively for one of her age.

—Owing to Judge Hibbard's condition, caused by an accident, in a run away, Saturday, October 23, it was deemed best by members of the family, that he should have a guardian, and Judge Dungan, accordingly has named John Hibbard, a son, as guardian.

—Clara Mark and John Townsend were in Columbia, last week, the guests of the Gifford boys, who are attending the university, and while there they witnessed the annual Thanksgiving football game between the universities of Kansas and Missouri.

—We feel truly grateful to Mrs. A. W. King and Mrs. Harry Gelvin, for their generous remembrance for substantial for our Thanksgiving dinner. Their generosity enabled us to have an abundant supply of chicken, instead of lunch ham. Many thanks.

—Charles Shafer, a former resident of near this city, has been here for several days, visiting his father-in-law, Uncle John Callow and other relatives. He and his wife, who have been here for a couple of weeks, returned Sunday to their home in Edison, Neb., where he is engaged in the hardware business.

—Rev. J. J. McDonald, 2305 Felix street, St. Joseph, Mo., and who is superintendent of the St. Joseph District of the Children's Home Society, of Missouri, was here, last week in the interest of this institution. He is certainly working in the interest of a worthy cause, and should have the moral and financial help of everyone. He informs us that the Home has six little girls, ranging in age from six weeks to 13 years, that homes are desired for. In the fourteen years he has been connected with this institution, he has found homes for over 700 children, and a number of them were from Oregon.

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